

REMARKS

In response to, and as suggested in, the Office Action of November 30, 2006, applicant has canceled claim 1 and rewritten claim 2 in independent form. Dependent claims 3 through 6 include the limitations of base claim 2. The Examiner has acknowledged that such claims are directed to allowable subject matter.

The claims have also been amended to make them more clear.

The claims as now presented, in clean copy, are as follows:

Claim 2. In a perimeter clip that

(a) attaches to an angle wall molding having a face and a ledge, and

(b) supports a beam end in a suspended ceiling,
the perimeter clip having

(a) a first leg that attaches to and extends along the wall molding, and

(b) a second leg that supports the beam end and that extends away from the wall molding face at a

right angle to the first leg;

the improvement comprising

a slot in the second leg having

(1) an inclined segment that extends upward and away
from the first leg, and

(2) a horizontal segment that extends toward the wall
molding face from the inclined segment,

wherein the slot is capable of receiving a screw that
extends through the slot into the web of the beam end
being supported in the clip, with the screw free to
slide in the slot during an earthquake and support the
beam end in the clip.

Claim 3. The clip of claim 2 wherein the screw is capable
of being tightened in the slot to fix the beam end in the
clip so that the beam end does not slide in the clip during
an earthquake.

Claim 4. The clip of claim 2 wherein the beam end, during
an earthquake, is elevated above the wall molding ledge at
times during the slide of the screw in the slot, to prevent

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interference between the beam end and the wall molding ledge.

Claim 5. The clip of claim 4 wherein the beam end, during an earthquake, is elevated above the wall molding ledge during the slide of the screw in the inclined segment of the slot.

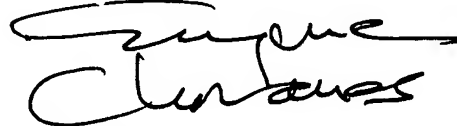
Claim 6. The use of the clip of claim 2 in a suspended ceiling in geographical zones prone to seismic events.

Applicant is also submitting replacement drawing sheets, where the reference characters have been made more formal.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests early reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached four sheets of drawings (consisting of Figures 1 through 4) replace the original four sheets of drawings (Figures 1 through 4). In the attached four replacement sheets, the reference characters have been made more formal.

Attachments